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Northwest Territories Population – April 2014

On April 1, 2014 Statistics Canada estimated that 43,459 people were living in the Northwest Territories, a decrease of 0.3% from the previous year. By comparison, Canada's population increased by 1.1% over the same period. With the exception of the Northwest Territories and most of the Atlantic provinces, all other provinces and territories experienced positive growth between April 1, 2013 and April 1, 2014. Growth exceeded the national level in Nunavut (3.9%), Alberta (3.2%), and Saskatchewan (1.9%).

Table 1 Population Estimates and Annual Rate of Growth, by Province and Territory
April 1, 2011 to April 1, 2014

	2014 Apr 1	Percent Incr.	2013 Apr 1	Percent Incr.	2012 Apr 1	Percent Incr.	2011 Apr 1	Percent Incr.
Canada	35,427,524	1.1	35,025,296	1.2	34,625,485	1.2	34,230,654	1.0
Northwest Territories	43,459	-0.3	43,604	0.0	43,606	0.8	43,263	0.3
Nunavut	36,408	3.9	35,042	1.5	34,508	1.7	33,923	2.4
Yukon	36,665	0.1	36,629	2.2	35,841	2.4	34,987	2.2
British Columbia	4,624,321	1.2	4,567,947	0.8	4,530,453	0.9	4,488,643	0.8
Alberta	4,111,509	3.2	3,982,240	3.2	3,856,988	2.3	3,768,845	1.4
Saskatchewan	1,122,588	1.9	1,101,408	1.9	1,080,777	1.8	1,061,484	1.4
Manitoba	1,275,212	1.1	1,260,919	1.2	1,245,550	1.3	1,229,087	1.0
Ontario	13,620,646	0.9	13,498,102	1.0	13,368,518	1.1	13,221,993	1.0
Quebec	8,191,946	0.8	8,129,546	0.9	8,057,455	0.9	7,982,163	1.0
New Brunswick	754,524	-0.1	755,635	-0.1	756,457	0.2	754,846	0.4
Nova Scotia	939,396	-0.2	941,709	-0.3	944,770	0.1	943,917	0.3
Prince Edward Island	145,472	0.4	144,825	0.0	144,767	1.0	143,269	1.6
Newfoundland & Labrador	525,378	-0.4	527,690	0.4	525,795	0.3	524,234	0.6

In total, the population in the Northwest Territories fell by 145 persons between April 1, 2013 and April 1, 2014. The components of natural increase consisted of 693 births and 198 deaths, resulting in a net increase of 495 persons. Inter-provincial migration accounted for 1,834 persons moving into the Northwest Territories from other provinces and territories, while 2,633 persons moved away, representing a net loss of 799 persons. Internationally, there was a net in-migration of 159 persons.

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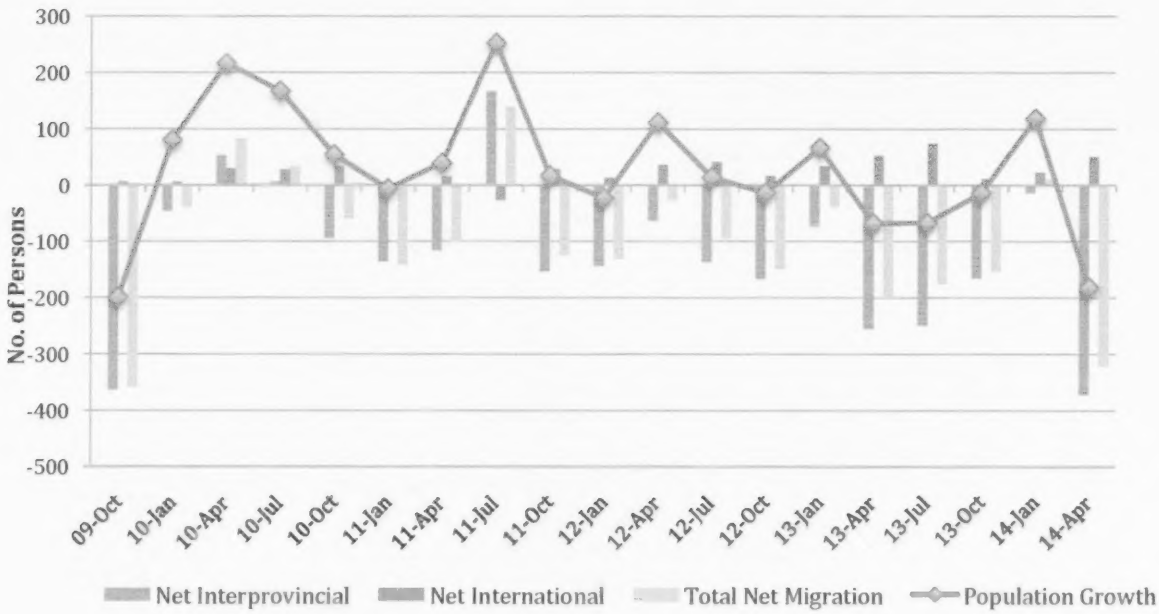
In terms of quarterly growth, the NWT population decreased by 182 persons between January 1, 2014 and April 1, 2014. The population decline resulted from a net loss of 372 inter-provincial migrants offset by a gain of 139 persons through natural increase and 51 net international in-migrants. This was the biggest loss of inter-provincial migrants since April 1, 2006.

In the NWT, population growth fluctuates based on migration patterns; over the past 10 years, generally, net inter-provincial migration has been negative, offset by positive net international migration and natural increase. Population decline in the NWT in the first quarter of 2014 was the highest it has been since the third quarter of 2010 (Figure 1).

Figure 1 Migration Patterns and Population Growth
October 1, 2009 to April 1, 2014



The detailed components of population change for the Northwest Territories since 2008 are presented in Table 2.

For more information about these estimates or for community level population estimates and projections, please visit the NWT Bureau of Statistics website at http://www.statsnwt.ca or call (867) 873-7147.

Table 2 Components of Population Change, by Time Period
Northwest Territories - January 1, 2008 to April 1, 2014

		Beginning Population	Ending Population	Births	Deaths	---- Interprovincial Migration ---- In	Out	Net	Net International	Error of Closure
2014	Jan-Mar	43,641	43,459	183	44	591	963	-372	51	-
2013	Jan-Dec	43,672	43,641	689	199	1,885	2,567	-682	161	-
	Oct-Dec	43,523	43,641	158	50	249	262	-13	23	-
	Jul-Sep	43,537	43,523	197	57	343	508	-165	11	-
	Apr-Jun	43,604	43,537	155	47	651	900	-249	74	-
	Jan-Mar	43,672	43,604	179	45	642	897	-255	53	-
2012	Jan-Dec	43,495	43,672	678	191	1,779	2,217	-438	128	-
	Oct-Dec	43,606	43,672	154	49	261	334	-73	34	-
	Jul-Sep	43,620	43,606	189	54	550	716	-166	17	-
	Apr-Jun	43,606	43,620	154	45	452	588	-136	41	-
	Jan-Mar	43,495	43,606	181	43	516	579	-63	36	-
2011	Jan-Dec	43,258	43,495	690	188	2,183	2,430	-247	30	48
	Oct-Dec	43,518	43,495	156	48	290	434	-144	13	-
	Jul-Sep	43,501	43,518	195	54	561	714	-153	29	-
	Apr-Jun	43,263	43,501	157	44	783	617	166	-27	14
	Jan-Mar	43,258	43,263	182	42	549	665	-116	15	34
2010	Jan-Dec	42,962	43,258	700	184	1,890	2,060	-170	85	135
	Oct-Dec	43,298	43,258	176	40	313	448	-135	-7	34
	Jul-Sep	43,278	43,298	161	47	345	439	-94	34	34
	Apr-Jun	43,145	43,278	175	42	579	573	6	28	34
	Jan-Mar	42,962	43,145	188	55	653	600	53	30	33
2009	Jan-Dec	43,109	42,962	711	186	1,661	2,214	-553	16	135
2008	Jan-Dec	43,351	43,109	721	201	1,897	2,623	-726	100	136

Note: *Net International* represents the net total of all Immigrants, Emigrants, Returning Canadians, Non-Permanent Residents and Individuals Temporarily Abroad.
Error of Closure represents the difference in population change as measured by the individual components of growth and that observed using 2011, 2006, 2001 and 1996 census-based population estimates.

Source: Statistics Canada, Demography Division.